

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1, 13 and 14 are amended. Claims 2 and 15 are canceled. Claims 3-12 remain unchanged. New claims 17 and 18 are added.

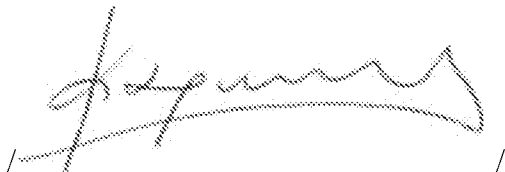
Claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of previously allowed claim 2 and claims 13 and 14 are amended to include the limitations of previously allowed claim 15. Accordingly, it is believed that claims 1, 13 and 14 are now allowable. Claims 3-12 and 16 depend upon claim 1 and should also now be allowable. New claim 17 includes the limitations of base claim 1 and previously allowed claim 11. New claim 18 includes the limitations of base claim 1 and previously allowed claim 9. Accordingly, it is believed that new claims 17 and 18 should be allowable.

In view of the above, it is submitted that all claims are now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections and objections is requested and allowance of all claims at an early date is solicited.

A fee of \$200.00 is submitted for the two new independent claims.

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Respectfully submitted,



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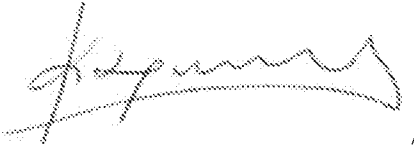
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